

> Dear Committee, I find it appalling Ct would consider such a bill in support of big agriculture. We can do better than this as a progressive state.

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> 1- Rabbits are the third most common household pet after dogs and cats

> 2- Due to public pressure, Petco and PetSmart stopped selling pet rabbits.

> They now only display rescue rabbits for adoption – the same treatment they give to dogs and cats.

> 3-Whole Foods and other specialty stores stopped selling rabbit meat after concluding there was no market for sales.

> 4-The multi-billion-dollar cosmetic industry has been moving away from using rabbits and other animals in their testing programs due to consumer pressure.

> 5-While the rest of the country has recognized and elevated rabbits as pets, CT is taking a step backward in proposing this initiative.

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